

## No 1 Multi Academy Trust for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have, unfortunately, seen a rise in positive COVID cases in our community over the last few weeks. This is the case across many schools in Devon and the Southwest and a situation that was predicted by Public Health England as we move towards colder months. COVID-19 case rates in Devon have continued to rise, overall, Devon's case rate remains above the national average.

The greater prevalence is being seen in school age children and their families. Schools are following the latest public health advice to control the spread of the virus. The South West Directors of Public Health Consensus statement for schools advises schools to have a range of measures in place up to the end of term including the need to reduce mixing between groups of children and to review large gatherings.

Below I've listed some ways in which we can all help to stop the further spread of COVID and hopefully ensure we are all well for Christmas. We know how important time with our families and friends is especially after the tricky 2 years we have all had.

### Actions to stop the spread:

1. Frequent handwashing to continue.
2. Catch it, bin it, kill it, reminders to all children.
3. All 'high touch points' will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
4. Staff are wearing masks when in communal areas and when meeting any parents face to face.
5. Staff are taking regular LFD tests.
6. All clubs have been cancelled for at least this week and next week.

### How can you help?

1. We strongly advise that you take your child for a PCR test if they are showing any symptoms of Covid 19.
2. Be extra vigilant to any signs of COVID. If your child has; a new cough, a temperature or loss of smell/taste they MUST immediately isolate and take a PCR test.

### Changes to the school calendar

Due to the local situation with increasing Covid 19 rates it is with a heavy heart that we have taken the difficult decision that Christmas events will happen without any visitors. I know this will be disappointing as we have all been hoping that we would be able to share these events with families this year. However, we will do all we can to ensure children have a lovely Christmas time at school and provide parents with videos and photographs of the fun. Our school staff have lots of plans to make this year a very special festive time for our children. Any activities that include mixing of classes will be postponed until after the Christmas break.

I know that this can be a worrying time for many of you and want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to stop the spread of the virus and get everyone well for Christmas. If you have any worries or concerns please do ring the school office.

Yours Sincerely

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